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25X1A [REDACTED] CIA representative on the Psychological Strategy Board, called to inquire about [REDACTED] as a prospective member of his staff. From description of the job, I said I felt [REDACTED] could do an excellent job. [REDACTED] said he understood there was some difficulty over the present status of [REDACTED] I said that there had been some controversy and that probably in the change of organizational plans, the present position would no longer exist. I said that I felt the present situation must be cleared up to [REDACTED] satisfaction before he went ahead with recruitment of [REDACTED]. I offered to talk to [REDACTED] in this connection, and [REDACTED] asked me please to go ahead. I also checked with Colonel Baird and [REDACTED] who also agreed. I talked to [REDACTED] and said I thought not only was this an excellent offer of [REDACTED] but that it offered him the best opportunity I could see to achieve a clean solution of his present difficulties. My advice, therefore, was for [REDACTED] to withdraw his report from the Inspector General and proceed with [REDACTED] proposal. [REDACTED] said he still wanted some sort of a letter, not from Colonel Baird, which would say that his status had been reviewed and was all right. I said that such an official letter would not be consistent with Colonel Baird's present recommendation to the AD's that they consider [REDACTED] available because of organizational changes and, therefore, felt it would do him more harm than good. He seemed insistent on this point so I said I was in no position to decide it one way or the other and would suggest he talk with [REDACTED]. I offered to arrange an appointment for him on 10 July.

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